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of the Society would find encouragement and stimulus, and an opportunity would be offered us to perform in some measure for our students the services which the chapters render to the institutions in which they are established. It is the belief of some of us that this service could be better performed by a club officially affiliated with Sigma Xi than by a Science Club which is the only available substitute.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE 1918 CONVENTION OF THE SIGMA XI SOCIETY

It is the particular request of the Organizing Committee for the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science during the coming Christmas holidays that affiliated societies, if possible, do not hold their ordinary meetings and conventions at the same time. The reason for this request lies essentially in the overcrowded conditions in Baltimore and its neighborhood. In compliance with this wish the executive officers of the Sigma Xi Society, in whose hands the question was left with power, have decided that the usual convention of the Society will not be held this year. It is hoped that a special convention may be held during the year 1919, possibly in the spring or summer, at which the ordinary business of the Society can be transacted, and where in particular, the elections for the new officers may be held. In the interim, in accordance with the constitution of the Society, the present officers will continue in office.

The postponement of the convention has seemed the less serious because in this period of intense activities in war issues on the part of practically all of its leading members, the Society has been obliged in a large measure simply to mark time with the larger plans it has in mind. These plans can be taken up so much the more effectively if we await the period of a return to more normal conditions.

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